

## St. Christopher School PTO Minutes

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**In Attendance:** Jen Sowers, Amanda Palmer, Michele Martin, Blake Madden, Vicki Haywood, Alex Gonter-Drey, Ms. Steele, Mrs. Mikalauskas, Mrs. Kincaid and Mrs. Razor.

**Opening Prayer:** Jen Sowers

**Welcome:** Jen Sowers

**Approval of last meeting minutes:** Michele Martin

**Treasure report:** Amanda Palmer.

- Budget has been developed for the year. Several items may be added as the year progresses and more money becomes available from fundraising.
- Discussed applying for technology grants through the Wallace Foundation. Amanda Palmer and Mrs. Kincaid to follow up. [www.wallacefdndayton.org](http://www.wallacefdndayton.org)
- Cleaned up budget. Added Traveling theatre, parent/teacher conference dinner, PTO office supplies. Budget item questions for Mrs. Kincaid about busing for field trips, birthday treats and technology fund. Will follow up at next meeting on those items.

**Principals report:** Mrs. Kincaid

- Thank you to PTO for wonderful teacher dinner during parent teacher conference night.
- Concerned that not many parents are taking advantage of teacher conferences. Mrs. Kincaid feels it is very important for parents to meet with teachers.
- Sister Pat's Plaque is on order and will be presented to her when completed.
- Mrs. Kincaid has developed a **Principals Advisory Committee**. Their mission is to advise on school issues. Currently reforming uniform policy. Meeting Tues. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm.  
Members are: Will Kandel, Chad Sass, Pam Marx, Melinda Trentman, Lauren Titus, Ashley Schwieterman, Terry Razor and Melanie Leingang.
- Regional Director will be at the school on Thursday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> to spend the day with Mrs. Kincaid.
- **Virtus Training** needs to be done. Register on website [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Registration tab on left-hand side of page. Contact Linda Slattery at 898-3542, ext 104 if you need assistance to schedule training. All adults who volunteer in the school and/or with the children need to have this done by November. Next training at St. Christopher on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Trainings are available at other locations. Visit web site to see schedule.
- Concerns about **drop off procedures**. Asking for parent volunteers to help with morning drop off procedures. Need 5 volunteers each morning from 7:30-8:00 am. This will allow teachers to spend their time planning. Please email Jen Sowers at [jennifersower619@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersower619@gmail.com) if you are able to assist on any or all school days.
- The children have been separated by grade in the morning before entering the school. Working much better.

- **Uniforms:** The purpose of uniforms is to maintain “modesty” and that all children will look the same. Uniform policy and vendors are being revised to meet this criteria. Policies to be distributed when finalized. Looking at a company that has pants for \$23.99 and budget pants for \$17.00. This company has a truck that will come to the school several times a year with all sizes available to try on and purchase. Free shipping if sizes not available that day.
- Tie-dyes will not be allowed after the 2015/2016 school year.

**Old Business:** Jen Sowers

- **Magazine sale:** Total retail sales \$27,007, Total School Profit- \$10,802. Limo lunch went very smoothly. Thanks to all the volunteers and teachers for a very successful sale.
- Julie Haws currently completing **school directory**. Will be distributed after printing. Being printed this week. Discussed possible picture directory in the future.
- Mrs. Sparks given \$320.00 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.
- Mrs. Greene given \$400.00 for Power of the Pen.

**New Business:** Jen Sowers

- **Movie Night** and Baked Potato fundraiser **cancelled** Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, due to Breakfast with Santa.
- **Spirit Wear:** Alex Gonter-Drey. Suggested looking into Rocket web site. 15% kick back for PTO. Able to order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Representative can come and meet with us to develop website. When up and running will then close Logos at Work and Zimzang. Ability to change availability of items during certain times of year. Alex and Jen Sowers to set up.
  - Spirit Wear supports PTO which funds field trips, school activities, events, supplies and classroom activities.

**Athletic Booster Report:** Alex Gonter-Drey

- **Fish Fry and MonteCarlo** Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Athletic Booster provides coaches shirts, has upgraded the soccer field, purchased new practice balls and nets, new uniforms and gym floor repair.
- Discussed need for air conditioning or large fans in gym.
- Discussed using area in Narthex to post flyers for School events and fund raisers.
- Alex working on open gym for volleyball to allow kids to try it before they sign up because opportunities are limited to play volleyball.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: November 9th**